


The elements of the claims may be combined in different arrangements, and not every combination must be illustrated. Thus, the Applicants believe that the illustration of the curved engaging clamping member in Figs. 7 and 8 should comply with the Examiner's request.

The application is now considered to be in condition for allowance, and an early indication of same is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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